

September 22, 2003

Re: New U.S. CIP Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 029310.50777CP

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation-In-Part application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,130, filed December 17, 2001 of:

1. Specification, including 28 claims (pages 1-22).
2. 4 Sheets of x Formal Informal drawings showing Figs. 1 - 4.
3. Application Data Sheet
4. X Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Assignment of the invention to Gruenenthal GmbH.
6. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 199 27 689.7, filed in Germany on June 17, 1999. A certified copy of the priority document was filed in parent application Serial No. 10/016,130.
7. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/016,130 filed on December 17, 2001.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$370/740	= \$750.00
Total Claims	<u>28</u>	- 20	= <u>8</u>	x \$9/18	= \$144.00
Independent Claims	<u>1</u>	- 3	= <u>0</u>	x \$42/84	= \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$140/280	= \$
Total Filing Fee					\$894.00



A check in the amount of \$894.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029310.50777US). **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Jordan", written over a horizontal line.

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